

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 10-6-89

FULL NAME WILLIAM VINTON SONJU  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. UNK

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Colorado Springs STATE CO ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH 12-04-59 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE  (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION  NATIONALITY (Citizen of) U.S.

OCCUPATION Youth Recreation Counselor

EDUCATION

WEIGHT  HEIGHT  RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR  COLOR OF EYES

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS Basketball, Camping & Football thru YMCA

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☒ NAME OF SPOUSE

CHILDREN   
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
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Chartered Organization

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Currently in El Paso County jail on 116,000 bond on 34 charges filed by the DA of Sexual Assault on a Child

INCIDENT: TYPE 2 DATE OF INCIDENT March 1989 RESOLUTION 2  
Type Resolution

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1=Scout Related                            | 1. Internal (only Scouts Know) |
| 2=Non-scout related                        | 2. Criminal action             |
| 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth) | 3. Court action                |
|  | 4. Probationary status         |
|  | 5. Reported to state agency    |

Check off list of attached documentation

1. Description of incident
2. Victim(s) statement
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

NOTED  
DEC 13 1989  
JOSEPH L ANGLIM

CONFIDENTIAL

DEC 6 1989

Council  Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

F. STARON

CONF011861

December 15, 1989

Mr. Loren A. Swenson  
Scout Executive  
Pikes Peak Council, No. 60

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM VINTON SCHUB

Dear Loren:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

READY TO FILE  
DEC 15 1989  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF011862



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079  
[REDACTED]

November 6, 1989

Mr. Loren A. Swenson  
Scout Executive  
Pikes Peak Council, No. 60

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Willaim Vinton Sonju

Dear Loren:

I hate to bother you again, but I really need the Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet for Mr. Sonju, so that we can better identify him. I would like you to complete this form to the best of your ability, so that we have as much information as available in case he would move to another section of the country and try to register.

I am enclosing another Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet for your use. We have everything else we need to complete our file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: North Central Region

*Paul  
Heard what you  
can find a  
The attached article  
some more details  
[Signature]*

CONF011863

TUESDAY, NOV. 21, 1989

CITY  
REGION  
STATE

# NEWS

GAZETTE TELEGRAPH

## COURTS

### Man pleads guilty to enticing boys to toy-filled house, assaulting them

#### 24 other charges dropped

By Joyce Trent/Gazette Telegraph

A former sports coach who admitted molesting children he attracted to his house by filling it with toys pleaded guilty Monday to six sex crimes involving four young boys.

William Sonju, 29, will have 24 other criminal charges, involving eight other children, dismissed as part of the plea bargain.

Nevertheless, he could spend the rest of his life in prison. Prosecutor Bill Aspinwall is considering requesting that Sonju be declared a sex offender, which is punishable by a term of one day to life.

To place Sonju in that category, 4th Judicial District Judge Matt Railey would have to find that Sonju constitutes a continuing threat to the public. Sentencing is set for Dec. 21.

A self-employed wood cutter, Sonju was a volunteer coach for the YMCA and the Colorado Springs Park and Recreation Department. But he met the children listed as his victims outside

of those programs.

He became acquainted with one child through a former co-worker, baby-sitting for the boy for two years before his behavior was discovered. He met the other 7- to 10-year-olds in his neighborhood or through other children.

The children said Sonju had video games, a place for shooting BB guns, a treehouse, a guitar and other toys on the premises, and he encouraged them to play there.

Sonju pleaded guilty to three counts of sexual assault on a child while in a position of trust and four counts of enticing a child into his house to commit sexual assault.

To be dismissed are 14 counts of sexual assault on a child and 10 counts of enticing a child into his home to commit sexual assault.

If Sonju is not sentenced as a sex offender, he could receive a prison term of up to 144 years. To impose that much, Railey would have to determine there were aggravating circumstances in each case and Sonju should serve each term one after the other instead of at the same time.

November 6, 1989

Mr. Loren A. Swenson  
Scout Executive  
Pikes Peak Council, No. 60

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Willaim Vinton Sonju

Dear Loren:

I hate to bother you again, but I really need the Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet for Mr. Sonju, so that we can better identify him. I would like you to complete this form to the best of your ability, so that we have as much information as available in case he would move to another section of the country and try to register.

I am enclosing another Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet for your use. We have everything else we need to complete our file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: North Central Region

READY FOR FILE  
NOV 05 1989  
A. GRAVES

CONF011865

READY FOR FILE

AUG 31 1989

JULIE CATON

August 30, 1989

Mr. Loren A. Swenson  
Scout Executive  
Pikes Peak Council, No. 60

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM VINTON SONJU

Dear Loren:

We have everything we need for the above named individual, except for the Confidential Record Sheet. At the present time, I have no way of identifying Mr. Sonju should he attempt registration in some other location.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed with as much information as you have available. This would help us should he move to another section of the country and attempt registration in that area.

Thanks again for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: North Central Region

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READY FOR FILE

MAY 02 1989

A. GRAVES

May 1, 1989

Mr. Loren A. Swenson  
Scout Executive  
Pikes Peak Council, No. 60

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Vinton Sonju

Dear Loren:

I appreciate the letter of April 19, concerning the above named individual. Since he has been so active with youth, I feel that we should place him on our Confidential File, so that he could not register with us in the future in some other location.

I am enclosing 1 Confidential Record Sheet which I would like to have completed with as much information as you can secure. We would also like to have the outcome of the legal action once it has been completed. This would then give us ample documentation for refusal in another location.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: North Central Region

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no reg to date  
B/c about 1960*

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PIKES PEAK COUNCIL, INC.  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
525 East Uintah • Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903-2597

I don't think he  
has ever been reg  
istered

April 19, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Subject: Confidential File Nominees

Dear Paul:

Please accept this letter as formal notification that two (2) individuals should be placed in the confidential file of the Boy Scouts of America.

1. William Vinton Sonju, Caucasian male, 29 years of age, single. The attached news clipping tells the story on this individual. The BSA was contacted over two months prior to the story breaking in the media, endeavoring to determine if the individual was (or had been) registered.
2. Thomas A. Derosa, currently registered as an Associate Advisor of E-2116, chartered by the Colorado Springs Police Department dismissed from the CSPD recently for "his involvement with a city police Explorer cadet." There has been no media coverage related to this incident, but the source of this information is on the police force.

Sincerely,

Loren A. Swenson  
Scout Executive  
Pikes Peak Council, BSA

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Enclosure: News clipping





## POLICE

# Youth team coach arrested in assaults on 14 children

By Kathryn Martin/Gazette Telegraph

A Colorado Springs man who coached sports for the YMCA and the park department has been arrested as a suspect in the sexual assault of 14 children between the ages of 8 and 10, police said.

William Vinton Sonju, 29, of 5640 Del Rey Drive, was arrested March 31 and again Thursday in a string of assaults that began in September 1986. He may face as many as 13 charges of sexual assault on a child and enticing a child.

Sonju was held in lieu of \$116,000 bail Thursday in the El Paso County jail. Authorities said the parent of one of the alleged victims had been trying to post bail for Sonju.

In at least five cases, the children were allegedly molested as Sonju served as their baby sitter, court records show.

Sonju reportedly told the boy and other children that he would buy them Nintendo video games, according to records.

"He was very friendly. He kept toys and games for the kids and let them have the run of (his) house," police Lt. Joe Vernier said.

Last fall, Sonju began coaching fifth- and

sixth-graders in a Youth Basketball Association team for the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region.

YMCA officials removed Sonju earlier this year when police told them that he was under investigation, said director Jim Klever.

"We have policies for our staff and our volunteers that people are removed from contact in any way with children in our program until they are proven innocent or guilty," he said.

Sonju could resume coaching for the YMCA if he is cleared of all charges, Klever said. The YMCA screens all volunteers for prior arrests. Sonju did not have a police record before his March 31 arrest, authorities said.

Police said Sonju was a volunteer coach for the Colorado Springs Park and Recreation Department.

Court records state Sonju admitted fondling at least three of the children. He reportedly told police he always asked permission before touching a child and stopped when told.



**Sonju: Arrested twice in a string of sexual assaults.**